



EAST PROVIDENCE PREVENTION COALITION

October 20, 2014

Minutes Taken By: Pam Bird, Secretary

Attendance:

Laura Levine	Andy Benoit
Courtney Lacerda	Pam Bird
Jennifer Wall	Scott Rose
Britney Dias	Deb Shaw
Sgt. John Andrews	Officer Doug Borden
Michele Cinquegrano	Frances O'Neill
Shani Wallace	Robert Duarte
Chris Gasbarro	Catherine Legault

1) Introductory Remarks: *Courtney Lacerda*

- a) Call meeting to order at 6:07pm by Chair Courtney Lacerda
- b) Welcoming & Introductions
 - Around the table introductions
 - New Introductions
 - Verizon – Michele Cinquegrano & Frances O'Neill-Cunha, Government Affairs
 - EPHS –Vice Principal Shani Wallace & Athletic Director Robert Duarte

2) Secretary's Report: *Pam Bird*

- a) Approval of September's Minutes- reviewed October minutes. Asked if there were any questions. No questions. Courtney moved to accept October minutes and Sgt. Andrews second it. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
- b) Conflict of Interest Policy/Interest Forms- went over who needed what.
- c) Membership Status:
 - Jen explained the removal of Sgt. Andy Benoit due to his position. Courtney regrettfully accepted and Pam seconded it. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

3) Special Presentation: *Courtney Lacerda*

- a) Verizon explained that EPPC was 1 out of only 6 chosen to receive this funding in RI. Verizon discussed their different programs.
- b) Verizon check was presented to EPHS Vice Principal & Athletic Director for TLA by Michele & Frances. There were photos taken.

4) **Programmatics:** *Jennifer Wall*

- a) Programmatic Update- reviewed document in packet.
- b) Prescription Drug Take Back Recap
 - Recapped prescription drug take back event.
 - Discussion by Jen & Sgt. Andrews about problem of disposing of all drugs and how to dispose of unwanted and unused drugs now. Question asked by Verizon to partner with hospitals. Jen answered that this has been considered but the hospitals are only allowed to dispose of their stuff.
 - Challenges With New Box- can't set it up if we don't have a way to dispose of the materials collected on an ongoing basis. No more take back days.
- c) Opiate Overdose Forum - Date: October 28, 2014 6pm.
 - Date - October 28, 2014 @ 6:00pm - City Council Chamber
 - Info Dissemination- flyers handed out and board asked to put up. Facebook hits received and emails are out.
 - Attendance of Board Members- volunteers are needed for refreshments & info tables. Email Jen if interested.
 - Refreshments donated from Pepsi, Coke and Frito Lay. Permission from board to buy a sheet cake from BJ's.
- d) Townie Leadership Academy Update
 - Vice Principal Wallace share about the effectiveness of TLA.
 - Officer Doug added comments regarding athletes and empathy.
 - Future plans to branch out to other club organizations.
 - Partnership with 212 Health & Performance has been met. They will be assisting with nutrition component.

5) **Treasurer's Report:** *Britney Dias*

- a) Update on Grants/proposal- reviewed funding updates and proposal in detail. Dept. of Transportation Grant was discussed. Jen sent out an email. We will wait until next year. Santander Bank Sponsorship is still in motion. We have not been denied which is a good sign.
- b) Proposed 2014-2015 EPPC Budgets- reviewed each grant. Answered questions. Chris motioned to accept the proposed 2014-2015 EPPC Budgets as written. Doug seconded it. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.
- c) Reviewed Expenses from July 1 through now. Spending money as discussed.

6) **Other:** *Scott Rose (Courtney had to leave)*

- a) Announcements
 - Birthdays- Jen (Oct 17), Courtney (tonight) & Elmer (Oct 30)
 - Britney Dias talked about her new teaching position.
 - Inclusion of EPPC in Superintendent's Annual Report - passed out. First time ever put in their report and it was at their request.
 - Jen talked briefly of MADD Executive Director retirement.

- Annual Joe Silva Memorial Toy Drive – EPPC agreed to participate. Bring to next meeting.
- Trinity Tabernacle Food Drive – Pam is collecting. EPPC showed interest in participating. Bring to next meeting.

b) 2014-2015 Goal Setting

- Scott read the 2014-2015 goals that the officers can up with at a recent meeting and Jen elaborated.
- There were no additional goals suggested by other board members.
- Sgt. Andrews motioned to accept the EPPC Officers suggested goals as presented. Officer Doug Borden seconded it. All were in favor. No one was opposed. Motion passed.

c) New business- none at this time

7) **Trending Now:** *Scott Rose*

a) EPHS Current Trends Report: Officer Doug & Vice Principal Shani

- So far a good year. Some improvements.
- Drug Use/Marijuana - same
- Alcohol - status quo
- Social media - problems with obscene pictures - dating violence.
- Parents not following up on social media.
- Damage Control - Jen will send an email on damage control.
- Chris ask about psychological circumstances of these problems.

8) **Closing Remarks:** *Scott Rose*

a) Next meeting December 1, 2014

b) Motion to adjourn was made by Doug Borden and seconded by Chris. All were in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed.